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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement does not fully redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

The vast majority of the provisions within the settlement only formalize the status quo. Of the remaining provisions, none will effectively prohibit Microsoft from abusing its current monopoly position in the operating system market. This is especially important in view of the seriousness of Microsoft's past transgressions.

Most important, the proposed settlement does nothing to correct Microsoft's previous actions. There are no provisions that correct or redress their previous abuses. They only prohibit the future repetition of those abuses.

It is my sincere hope that the court will continue to work to find a stricter settlement. I find Microsoft's business practices to be absolutely abhorrent, and am hoping that a settlement can be found that will correct some of the damage they have done.

Sincerely,

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